Dec Ses 1817. war, be requested, and is hereby required, to report to this general assembly the progress that he may have made in the accomplishment of the object of his appointment. RESOLVED, That a copy of the aforegoing resolution be forthwith transmitted to the said agent, now at the City of Washington.

Passed Feb 13 For negocia-

ting a loan.

No. 48. RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised to negociate a loan, on such terms and at such periods as the governor and council shall approve, not exceeding the sum of fifty thousand dollars, and the state is hereby pledged for the repayment of the principal and interest thereof.

Passed Feb 14

No. 49. Relative to treasurer E.S.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the eastern shore be credited in his account with the treasurer of the western shore for the sum of one thousand and two dollars, which said sum is composed of the notes of the "Somerset Bank," received by the treasurer of the eastern shore during the last year, in virtue of a resolution No. 5, of December session eighteen hundred and sixteen, and the instruction of the treasurer of the western shore made in pursuance thereof.

Passed Feb 13 In favour of

No. 50. RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby direct-Henry King. ed, to pay unto Henry King, or order, annually, in quarterly payments, a sum of money equal to the halfpay of a commissary.

Passed Feb 13 of John Anderson.

No 51. RESOLVED. That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and directed, to pay to John Anderson, or to his order, a sum of money, annually, in quarterly payments, equal to the half pay of a private, as a further remuneration for his revolutionary services.

Passed Feb 13 -of Eleanor Lynn.

No. 52. RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed, to pay to Eleanor Lynn, the widow of John Lynn, late a lieutenant in the revolutionary war or her order, during life, annually in quarterly payments, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a lieutenant.

Passed Feb 14 Relativeto the magnetic needle.

No. 53. RESOLVED, That the governor and council be and they are hereby requested, to inquire into the probable expense that would be requisite to carry into effect the method proposed by the Reverend Neale H. Shaw, in his address to the legislature, for ascertaining the regular variation of the magnetic needle, including the erection of necessary structures, the purchase of instruments, and the annual salary of a person competent to make the observations, and also to select the place which in their opinion would be the most proper for the object contemplated, and report

thereon to the next general assembly.

Passed Feb 14, Tosell certain

No. 54. RESOLVED, That the treasurer of this state for the western shore be and he is hereby authorised, to sell and dispose of, under the direction of the governor and council, the right of subscribing for the unsubscribed shares reserved to this state in the stock of the Union Bank of Maryland, and the Marine Bank of Baltimore, at such times and in such parcels as shall appear most heneficial and proper, provided that no such sale be made at less than ten per centum advance on the original subscription price per share.

RESOLVED, That the said shares be in the first place offered to the said banks, who are hereby authorised, in case they should purchase the same, to abolish an

equal number of shares in their several institutions.

Passed Feb 14

stock.

No. 55. RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby autho-In favour of rised and required, to pay unto the present messenger to the executive, during his continuance in office, the sums respectively directed to be paid to Juhb Fowler, late messenger, by the resolutions of November sessions eighteen hundred and six, and eighteen hundred and cleven, in the same manner as provided by said resolutions.

messenger to the council.

No. 56.

Passed Feb 14 To purchase

Whereas, it is highly essential that a work which treats of subjects highly Briceon Wills important to those who have any concern in affairs of a testamentary nature, should receive a wide and extensive circulation, for the purpose of preventing many unhappy mistakes which would otherwise frequently occur, when men who are entifely unacquainted with such matters undertake to make their own wills, which of all other instruments require the most mature deliberation, and which often give rise to family feuds and dissentions, when the intention of the testator is so obscure that different interpretations may be given to the same clause;